

ELIOT COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES, INC.

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Office of Attorney General

One Ashburton Place, 18th Floor

Boston, MA 02108

Attn: Antitrust Division

To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support for the Partners Health Care proposed agreement to maintain, reorganize and strengthen its mental health services provided to the communities north of Boston.

Eliot Community Human Services, Inc. (Eliot) provides community based mental health services to a large number of adults, children and families that reside in these communities. Eliot's continuum of services includes programs and services such as Outpatient Mental Health, Emergency Services, DMH and DCF funded programming, Children's Behavioral Health Initiative, and Homeless services. Eliot often collaborates with the Partners Health Care and affiliates to coordinate care and improve service delivery.

Eliot believes that the proposed agreement to create a Center of Excellence in Psychiatry and Behavioral Health at Union Hospital along with maintaining current service levels is a crucial and important commitment that is necessary to preserve and enhance treatment and services for individuals living in the North Shore area.

Sincerely,

Melinda Matthews

Vice President of Clinical Services